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Docket No.: 81862P160

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

JOHN ELLIS, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/499,871

Filed: February 7, 2000

For: RE-ROUTING CONNECTIONS USING  
REDUNDANT PATH CONNECTIONS AND  
LOOPBACKS

Art Group: 2663

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully petition the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to January 09, 2004, from the Final Office Action dated September 09, 2003. The petition filing fee of \$110.00 and an Amendment and Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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